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1. MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS VALENTIN HERNANDEZ ANNOUNCED AUGUST 17 THE NAMES OF FOURTEEN VENEZUELANS WHO HAVE HAD BEEN NAMED AS OBSERVERS TO THE PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES DURING THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION. LETTERS ARE BEING DELIVERED FROM THE MINISTRY TO THE OIL COMPANIES TODAY, AUGUST 19, OFFICIALLY INFORMING THE COMPANIES OF THE OBSERVER APPOINTMENTS. IN THE STYLE OF THE NEW PEREZ GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC CEREMONY INSTALLING THE OBSERVERS. ANALYSIS AND BIOGRAPHIC DATA WILL FOLLOW IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.

2. OBSERVERS AND COMPANIES TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN NAMED ARE AS FOLLOWS: CREOLE PETROLEUM COMPANY-RETIRED GENERAL RAFAEL ALFONZO RAVAUD, WELL KNOWN FOR HIS EIGHTEEN YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA GUAYANA CORPORATION, SEE REF "C"; SHELL COMPANY OF VENEZUELA-LUIS PLAZ BRUZUAL WHO RECENTLY RETIRED AS MINISTRY OF MINES DIRECTOR GENERAL; MENE GRANDE (GULF)-JOSE MARTORANO BATTISTI, VENEZUELAN SUN OIL COMPANY-DOMINGO CASANOVA; MOBIL OIL COMPANY-BALTASAR GIMON RON; TEXAS PETROLEUM COMPANY-ALFONSO URIBE;

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AMOCO VENEZUELA OIL COMPANY-PUBLIO SALAVERRIA; SINCLAIR VEN-

EZUELAN OIL AND VENEZUELAN ATLANTIC REFINING COMPANY-ANIBAL MARTINEZ; CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY-RAFAEL C. GUARIGUATA; PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY-J.M. DE LOS RIOS; TALON PETROLEUM COMPANY-LUIS ELIAS CORRALES; MITO JUAN-RAIMUNDO MOLINA. TWO OTHER OBSERVERS ARE ABLE MONSALVE CASADO AND RICARDO FLORES CORTES. COMPANIES THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED BY EMBASSY. MCCLINTOCK

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